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JOHNSON PRODDER  
ON 'OATHS' TO C.I.A.University Service Asks End  
of Student Secrecy

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WASHINGTON, March 8 — The policy-making committee of World University Service of the United States called on President Johnson tonight to release "from their oaths" student leaders and others who it said were "sworn to silence" about financial relationships with the Central Intelligence Agency.

World University Service is a church-related federation of campus and service organizations. The plea to President Johnson was issued in the form of a resolution.

It was debated for more than two hours here tonight by the organization's general committee.

It expresses "outrage" at the intelligence agency and at other "individuals, foundations and organizations" that it said had established "a network of conspiracy within seemingly free institutions."

The much amended resolution was largely the work of the Rev. Richard Mumma of Boston, Presbyterian university pastor at Harvard and member of the World University Service.

The resolution calls for an investigation, by a special W.U.S. panel, of "published reports" that John Simons, the organization's executive director, and Dr. Buell G. Gallagher, a past chairman, were "possibly guilty of complicity in acts which the committee thoroughly deprecates."

The resolution recognizes that both Mr. Simons and Dr. Gallagher, president of the City University of New York, "have categorically denied any knowledge" of C.I.A. involvement in the organization. It says the available evidence is "circumstantial and not particular or substantive."

The request to President Johnson asks him to "recognize the dilemma of conscience of persons sworn to silence" about dealings with the intelligence agency, and to "release such persons from their oaths."

It was proposed as an amendment to the main, eight-point resolution by Gerhard Elston, an official of the National Council of Churches.

The main American affiliates of World University Service are the National Student Association, the Newman Foundation, the B'nai B'rith-Hillel Foundation, the Student Association of the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A., and the University Christian Movement.